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Speaker Series resumes with focus on elections

By Ebony White
Contributing Writer

On Sep. 26, the Saint Leo University Speaker Series resumed with Nancy Tate, executive director of the League of Women Voters speaking at the Greenfelder-Denlinger boardroom in the Student Community Center.

Tate gave an informative speech on what people should know during the upcomingelections. Some of her most significant points focused on knowing the candidates and their beliefs. She suggested doing research on each candidate to see what their individual plans are for the country. Tate also gave advice on how not to get bamboozled at the polls this year.

During elections, some people will try to defer voters from voting by saying the election is held on a different day from the actual Election Day, or by saying the polls close earlier than the actual closing time.

Tate's speech had clear impact on students and faculty alike.

"The most important thing I got from her speech was how people will do things to make you not vote; flyers with the wrong voting date and stating that someone else has won as president. I never knew people actually did that," Karina Escalera, junior said.

"Voting is much more complicated than most people believe, and that we can't take it for granted." Said Jack McTague, Ph.D of the History department "I would make sure I knew where my polling place was located, so that I don't miss my opportunity to vote."

Election Day will be held November 7, 2012 from the times of 7am to 7pm. Tate offered in her speech that if If someone is unsure about where their voting pole is located, The League of Women has a website called www.vote411.org that will show a potential voter the correct voting pole they need to go to in order to vote. It also has interactive games in which one can play and learn about elections at the same time. One can even get the forms to register to vote if needed.

The most important message to take away from Tate's speech, be informed and make an informed vote.

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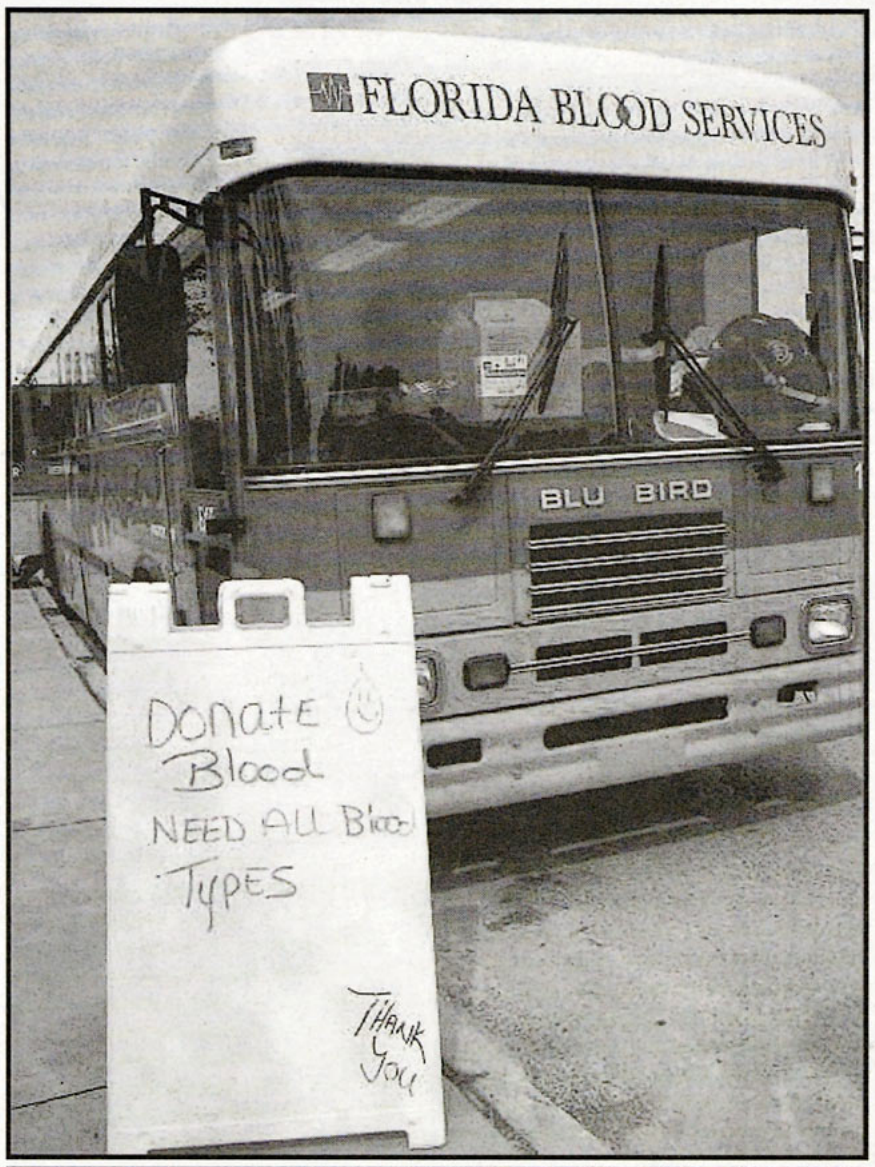

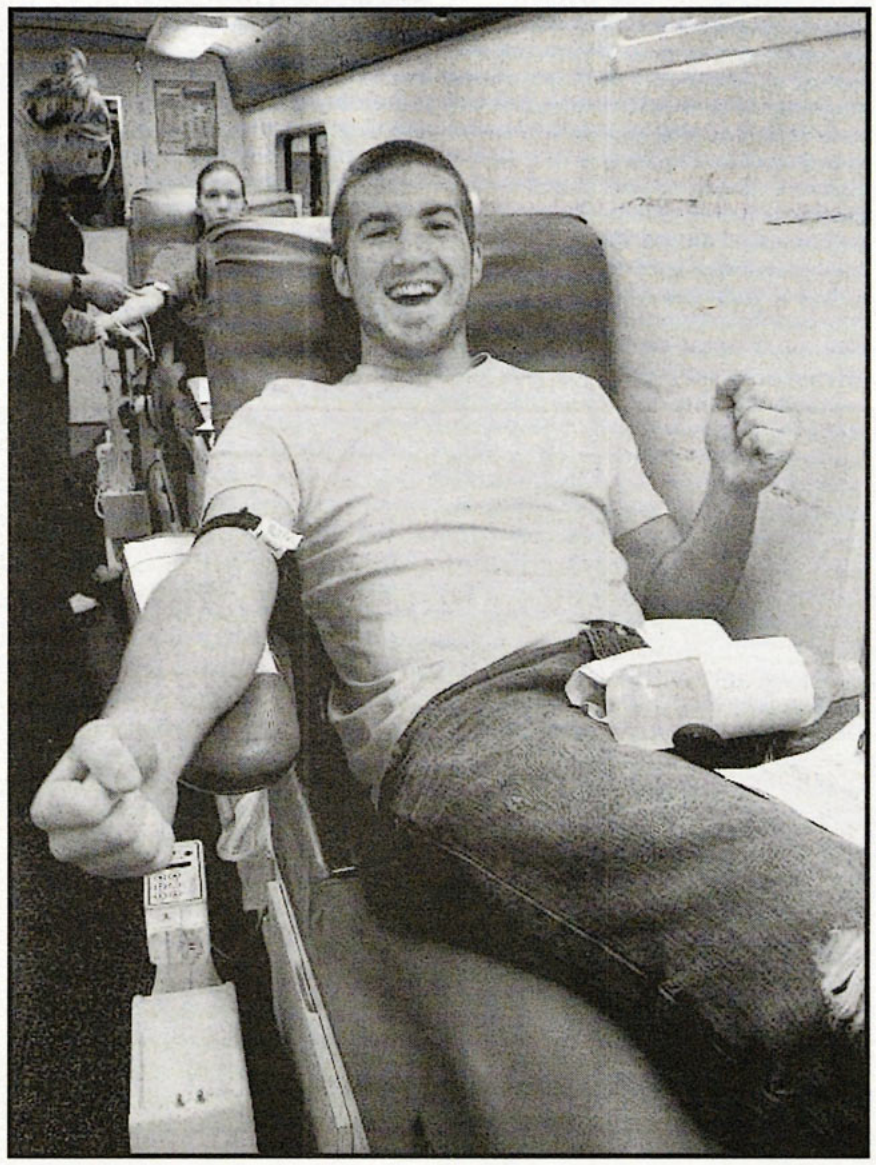

Shown above, Florida Blood Servies visited Saint Leo's campus on Monday, Sep. 24. For more on the event, see page 3.

Opinions

What is the deal with the laundry room?

By Winne
Contributing Writer

Several students are complaining about the laundry rooms in the residence halls at Saint Leo University. Both male and female students are encountering the same problems. Since there are not enough washers and dryers, the laundry process becomes slower and harder. Besides this, certain students leave their belongings in the laundry room for hours; thus, they cause other students to wait for them.

"The laundry process is slow sometimes. There are not enough washers and dryers, and students do their laundry at the same time: Saturday night and Sunday night," freshman Dylan Savarimuthu said.

Since students are free on weekends, they all tend to get their laundry done at the same time, which causes the issues. In addition, it seems that certain students are not responsible enough. They do not consider other people and leave their clothes in the machines, which forces other students to wait for them.

"When I'm doing my laundry, it takes me five to six hours. I'm not even exaggerating. That's ridiculous!" freshman Kayla Lee remarked.

Waiting so long is obviously illogical. Students need to be more responsible and think about others. Respect is a core value, and acting in such a way as this is the total opposite of that. "The kids just leave their clothes in the laundry room and come back after two to three hours. This does not make any sense," freshman Gaelle Batroni said.

On the other hand, some students are responsible and logical enough to know that many other students also need the laundry room.

"Usually, I put a timer on my phone, so I don't make people wait for their own clothes," said freshman Tifany Fetting who resides in Snyder Hall.

Students have suggested that the administration should buy more equipment for the laundry room. Even though it makes sense, due to the recession of the economy, it is not possible at this time.

"My suggestion to improve the service in the laundry room is to buy more machines, but I don't even know where they would put them since there's not enough space," freshman Andrew Palmer, who lives in Benoit Hall, commented.

Meanwhile, the first thing than can improve campus laundry service is to be responsible. Students should either put a timer on their phone or wait in the laundry room until their laundry is done. Some students have even been seen waiting (anywhere from 45 minutes or more) in the laundry room for their clothes, occupying their time by sharing how they spent their weeks or by listening to music.

A second suggestion is to do laundry on an alternating schedule. Since most students do their laundry during the weekend, it tends to make the rooms crowded. But if some students start doing their laundry during the week days to lessen this problem, then it would show not only respect but also stewardship in the Saint Leo community.

"The most logical thing is to have people do their laundry during the week days. This way it will be easier for all of us," freshman Dwayne Harris said.

Getting more equipment for the laundry rooms will not be in the budget for this year nor the next year. Responsibility is the only thing that can save time and prevent conflict among the student community. The core values should not only exist in the classroom, but they should be a part of the entire community, including the laundry room.

Financial Aid influences students decision to leave

By Dafne Jacobs
Contributing Writer

With a record breaking number of incoming freshmen, the halls seem to be more packed than ever at Saint Leo University. However, the number of freshmen who are staying is slowly decreasing due to many different reasons. Most of these reasons are related to finances.

The financial aid office was busier than ever at the beginning of this year as freshmen waited to talk to someone about their loans and financial aid packages. Although it costs $29,000 to attend Saint Leo, which is low compared to the cost of other private universities that can cost as as high as $50,000, it is becoming harder for students to get financial aid.

Some students were already moved in when they found out that their financial aid did not go through, so they had to move out. Bright Futures, a state wide scholarship program for students who attended high school in Florida, did not give out funds until after the add/drop period; therefore, many students were clueless as to how much they would get for the first few weeks.

The same happened with many other scholarships. Some students even ended up having to take out more loans after finding that they did not get as much as they were expecting from financial aid and scholarships.

The first week, Saint Leo's Week of Welcome, is a time when everyone begins meeting each other, getting used to living on campus, and learning to be a Saint Leo Lion. It must be tough to get a glimpse of that and then be refused the opportunity to continue.

For the students who decide to stay for the semester or year, the blow might be harder because they get to stay and make great friends for only a short while. They know they'll have to leave their friends and start over somewhere else after winter break or after summer.

I have heard of a student who lived on campus, for example, and had to take out $13,000 in loans in order to attend. Because of her parents' credit score, it was difficult for her to find loans, and the ones she did find had unfavorable payment terms and interest rates. It is clear that the system is broken since she may not be able to return for the next academic year due to this.

Most of these students will either go to a community college or transfer to a public university that is cheaper. But whether or not they are able to continue their education at Saint Leo, it is clear that their drive to move forward will take them far.

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Campus News

A Walk for Rescue: SLU, IJM joins mission

By Daniel Kofi
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A cross section of the membership of the Saint Leo University Chapter of the International Justice Mission (IJM) joined colleagues from other Chapters at the City Chapel in Tampa on Saturday, September 29, 2012 to partake in a walk dubbed: "Stop Child Trafficking Now". The global advocacy group, formed in 1997, has committed itself to the cause on the rights of children and women across the globe: particularly on child trafficking, child prostitution, and child labor.

The 5k walk lasted for 2 hours. Many participants had placards with inscriptions such as: "Stop child trafficking now" and "Children deserve childhood."

IJM is a non-profit and non-governmental organization operating in over 20 countries across the globe: including Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda, Guatemala, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and South Asia. The Saint Leo Chapter was initiated in Fall 2011 to compliment the University's efforts and core values on stewardship and community building.

An interview with Ally Vincent, Secretary of the Saint Leo Chapter, revealed that the entire membership is committed to adding their quota to the various ways of addressing the global community problems which plague humanity. She was thankful to the members who dedicated their precious time for the exercise.

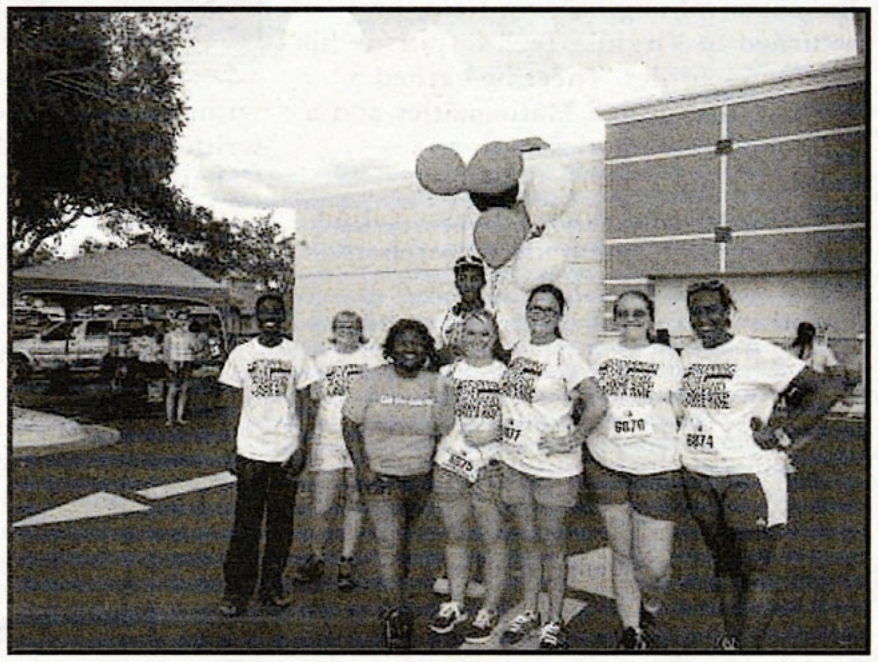
"I think the only way this problem can be solved is to bring awareness and report any activity that involves human oppression and injustice," Vincent says.

Since its inception at Saint Leo, IJM has been hosting programs such as Justice Week, Do the SCTNow (Stop Child Trafficking Now) Walk, and various other advocacy campaigns.

The international body itself has been involved with victim relief, perpetrator accountability, survivor aftercare, and transformation programs depending on the situation at hand.

On the whole, Miss Kelisa Maxwell was impressed about the day's exercise and implored the participants to praise and give thanks to God Almighty for the success of the program.

Students hold posters to show support



Students take the time to donate blood Photo Courtesy ofTarah Jennis

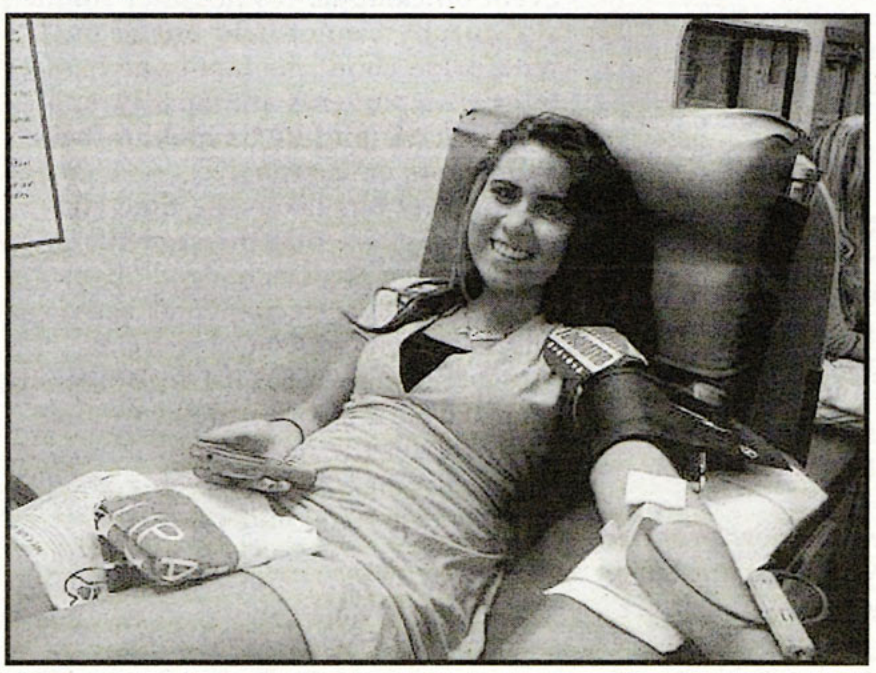


Photo essay by Tarrah Jennis
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On Sep. 24, 2012, blood donation buses parked outside of the Saint Leo cafeteria encouraged students to donate blood. These blue buses make a few appearances every year to bring students an opportunity to practice the core value of community.

"This brings awareness about the necessity of blood," says phlebotomist Marlena Philips. "Donating blood is an excellent way to give back to the community."

These buses are fully equipped with trained phlebotomists who make students feel safe and sure about their choice to donate blood. "I know I'm doing it for a good cause," says senior Sarah Coffin-Karlan.

Besides supporting the core value of community, students also receive a free mini physical which consist of checking a student's pulse, blood pressure, body temperature, and hemoglobin levels. Students are asked to donate blood as the demand for it in the United States continues to rise. Every blood donation ends up helping someone who needs it.

"I absolutely love it. Every pint helps three people, [so] I'm helping three people," says sophomore Erin Morrales.

So next time you see the blood donation buses, take some time out of your schedule to help the community. This safe process takes less than an hour.

Campus News

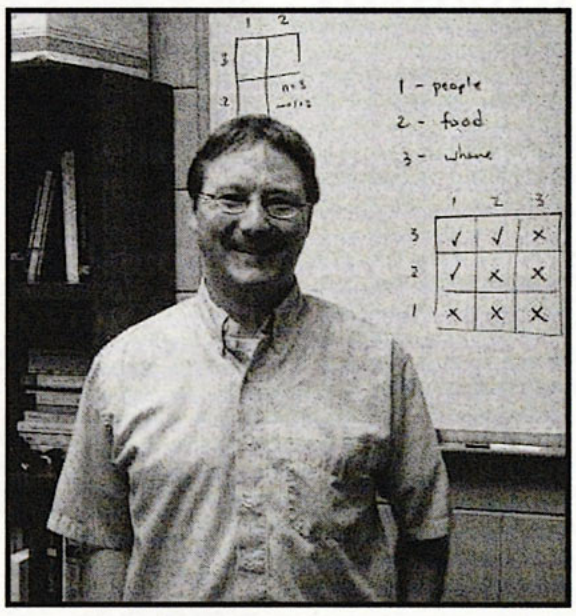
Meet your professor, Dr. Brian Camp

By Joseph Paquette
Contributing Writer

Brian Camp, Ph.D., is a new assistant professor of mathematics as of this fall in the School of Arts and Sciences. He came to Saint Leo University from Louisiana Tech where he has spent the last seven years as a lecturer of mathematics.

Before working at Louisiana Tech, he also taught at Oregon State and at Virginia Tech. It was at Virginia Tech that Camp earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering. After graduating and doing some work in the chemical engineering field, he returned to Virginia Tech to pursue his graduate studies. There he earned a Masters in Applied Mathematics and a Ph.D. in Mathematics with an emphasis on numerical analysis.

He wrote his doctoral dissertation on the types of methods researchers could use to test problems, such as the penetration rate of electromagnetic waves through a type of shielding substance like plastic or metal. He would try to predict what would happen, get the equations behind it, work with the equations, program the computers, and get the results. Along



with his dissertation, he has also written study guides for a couple of Calculus textbooks.

This fall, he is teaching multiple sections of MAT-131, College Mathematics. Camp likes to keep his students engaged as much as possible while in class through interactive activities. He accomplishes this by having students break-out into groups and then discuss ways to come up with the solutions to the problems.

Since there are times when students may feel more comfortable asking their questions among a small group rather than the entire class or even the professor himself, this allows them to ask questions of their peers and to help each other out. Another unique feature Camp has implemented into his mathematics classes is writing. It is his opinion that students, regardless of the course they are taking, need to know how to communicate what they know.

When asked what he would like do if he was not a college professor, he said he would love to be a science fiction writer comparable to Isaac Asimov. During his free time, Camp enjoys exploring Florida and its beaches with his wife. Being an original computer geek, he also likes spending time tinkering with computers and playing computer games, especially Massively Multi-player Online Role Playing Games (MMORPGs). He is also in a fantasy football league with some of his fellow professors, although he is not doing very well.

When you see Camp around campus, make him feel welcomed as a part of the Saint Leo community.

The professor at your next event

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

There are over 100 faculty members on campus and many of them work to see students excel both in and out of the classroom. There is one teacher that has stepped up and become more involved with students outside the classroom: Dr. Ryan Murphy.

Known to many students on campus as "Murph," the professor of economics came to Saint Leo University three years ago . Murphy also serves as a committee member on S.E.R.V.E. (Students Engaging in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences), participates in intramural sports, and acts as the new faculty advisor of Greek fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon,of which he is an honorary member. Murphy credits his involvement to his mentor Chuck Fisk, a fellow professor.

"Chuck really was a mentor to me when I first got involved with S.E.R.V.E.," Murphy said. "He showed me how he connects with the students. Chuck led me to S.E.R.V.E. and was a former advisor of it and recommended me for the position. He was also a former advisor of TKE, as well,"

Murphy said that he felt connected to his new leadership position with the fraternity.

"I absolutely love it. I just started last week as the new advisor, and I am a little nervous about my boys. I know they will hopefully make good decisions, but, as an advisor, you get nervous of underage drinking or with hazing when it comes to a Greek fraternity."

The students within TKE have nothing but praise for their new advisor.

"Dr. Murphy embodies the Saint Leo core value of community," said Will Johansen, a senior member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

That is not all that Murphy does, however. He is also an active fan of Saint Leo Athletics and always makes attending an event a family affair.

"I love coming to the games," he said. "I always bring my family. And my little girl, Paisley, loves it. She is with the cheerleaders and sitting with them, [then] she gets done there and plays with Fritz. Plus, it is a free outing. I mean, I don't have to go pay to [go to] the movies, I can get in a game for free."

Murphy first got involved with Athletics when several of his students started playing sports and wanted him to check out the games. Over time, Murphy became more involved with Athletics. Murphy is also constantly near the top of the standings when it comes to the "ROARwards" points system.

"I absolutely love the new program. I have been to every home game since it started and maybe missed one volleyball game. Plus, the students see that you are there as a faculty member and that you do care outside the classroom."

Murphy does understand that there is a fine line between being the educator and the friend when it comes to the life of the students.

"I feel you must give respect in order to get respect in the classroom. First and foremost, I am an educator. And I have to do my job and to keep the students in line."

When asked what advice he would give to other faculty members on being more connected with their students, the answer was simple.

"I know it is hard to get everything done, but just take an hour or two,"he said. "Go watch a game or catch an event on campus. It's just that simple."

Murphy cannot help but beam with pride about the family he has built with students and faculty, and said that he felt like he had brothers and sisters on campus.

Murphy has taken the time and effort to ensure that the students know that the faculty does have an investment in their extracurricular activities and life outside of the classroom. When it comes to Saint Leo University, he makes it a priority to ensure that students get the most well-rounded experience in college by being a supporter, teammate, and professor.

Campus News

THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORMS

By Daniel Kofi
Contributing Writer

On what basis should the Democratic or Republican Parties be elected to the White House?

The Democratic Party Platform: Moving America Forward

1. PROTECTING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
Civil rights
Voting rights
Protecting a woman's right to choose
Freedom to marry
Judicious use of firearms

2. PUTTING AMERICANS BACK TO WORK
Obama's Economic Recovery Act
The Obama's American Jobs Act
Expand access to refinancing for families who have stayed current on their mortgages
Community health centers to hire veterans
Accelerate permitting for transportation projects
Cut waste and reduce improper payments
Enable student loan borrowers to cap their payments at a percentage of income

3. DISRUPTING, DISMANTLING, AND DEFEATING AL-QAEDA
A shift away from large-scale military deployments
Free up military and intelligence resources to refocus on the fight against terrorism
Focused effort against an identifiable network of people: Al-Qaeda and its affiliates

4. REBUILDING MIDDLE CLASS SECURITY
Out-Educate, Out-Innovate, and Out-Build the world
More flexibility for states to raise standards and reform schools
More student grants and scholarships
Increase young adult dependence on their parents' health insurance plans, until they finish their education and enter the workforce
Increase tax cuts for the working class
Double fuel-efficiency standards
Crack down on Wall Street recklessness and abuses by health insurance, credit card, and mortgage companies.

5. 21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT: TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
Launched the open government initiative
Create a centralized ethics and lobbying database available to the public online
Launched the internet privacy bill of rights

6. CUTTING WASTE, REDUCING THE DEFICIT, ASKING ALL TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE
Taxpayers to pay their fair share
Reinstate the tough pay-as-you-go budget rules of the 1990s
Restore fiscal responsibility to Washington
Ask for the wealthiest taxpayers to pay their fair share

7. THE MIDDLE CLASS BARGAIN
Health care
Stabilizing the housing market and hard-hit communities.
Social Security and Medicare
An economy that out-educates the world and offers greater access to higher education and technical training

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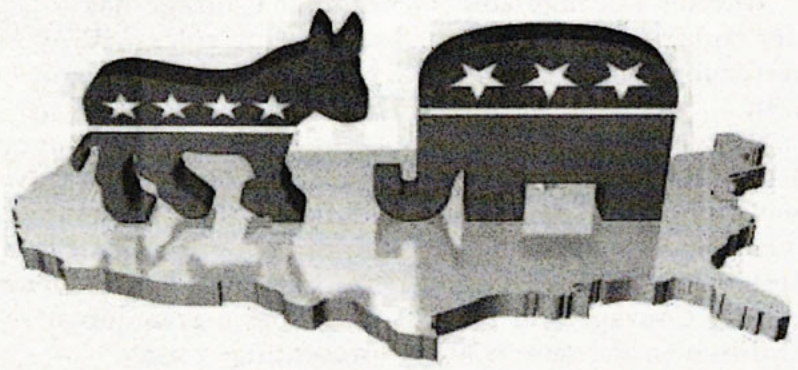

The Republican Party Platform: We Believe in America

1. EDUCATION
A chance for every child
Attain academic excellence for all
Consumer choice in education
Improve classrooms
Address rising college costs

2. JOB CREATION
Small business and entrepreneurship
Tax relief to grow the economy and create jobs
American competitiveness in a global economy

3. AGRICULTURE
Abundant harvests: and protect farmers
Restore economic stability for farmers
Uphold the proper federal role in agriculture

4. PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT
Commitment to conservation
Private stewardship of the environment
Rein in the EPA

5. PRESCRIPTION FOR AMERICAN HEALTHCARE: IMPROVE QUALITY AND LOWER COSTS
Ensure consumer choice in healthcare
Support federal healthcare research and development
Protect individual conscience in healthcare
Reform the FDA
Reduce costs through Tort Reform
Strengthen Medicaid in the states
Save Medicare for future generation
Repeal Obamacare

6. ENDING THE HOUSING CRISIS AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP
Rebuild homeownership

7. ADVANCING OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS
Advance hope and prosperity in Africa
U.S. leadership in the Asian-Pacific Community
Unequivocal support of Israel
Face the challenges of a changing Middle East

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Campus News

Mother Courage cast announced

By David Santos
Contributing Writer

Mother Courage and Her children will be performing October 24th – 27th.

Originality written by Bertolt Brecht the play is one of the most powerful anti-war dramas in history. Bertolt Brecht wrote Mother Courage and Her Children in the late 1930's with fascism on the rise in Germany and Hitler in power. When the Second World War was looming Bertolt found himself living in Denmark, where the first drafts of Mother Courage and Her Children were written. The play takes place during the Thirty Year War, Mother Courage is a struggling lower class woman that profits from the war by selling miscellaneous items out of her canteen. The Conflict arises when Mother Courage's three children; Kattrin, Eilif and Swiss cheese are persuaded to join the army by a recruiter. Mother Courage has conflicting roles with being a mother and a canteen woman; struggling to make money she seems to be always be distracted by business affairs when needed the most by her children. The Play does a great job at presenting war as capitalism, showing the root of war is financial gain. The saying, the root of all evil is money is a theme in Bertolt Brecht's Mother Courage and Her Children. From the canteen woman to the general everyone is fed the war to make a profit. At the end of the day only those at the top of the system have a chance to make any real profit from the war while the others are destined to lose.

Mother Courage Cast List, Fall 2012

Matt Beil – Eilif Ensign
Heather Galvin - Recruiter (1)/Armourer(3)/Older Soldier(4)/ Soldier(8;11)
Shawne Arnett – Mother Courage
Julianne Ackerman - Kattrin
Kevin Schuster - Swiss (1 – 3)/ Manservant(8)/Singer(10)/ Peasant(5;11;12)
Justin Paulaukis - Clerk(4;6)/Cook(2; 3; 8; 9)
Kelsii Atkinson – Soldier (8; 11)
Ravin Forde - Chaplin (2; 3; 5; 6; 7; 8) Soldier (11)
Tiffany O'Brien – Yvette Pottier
Wendy Legorete – Soldier (4; 5)/ Singer
Ryan Murphy - Colonel
Carrie Voor - Singer
Mike Gincel – General (2)/ Voice (8; 9)
Craig Graves – Soldier (6)
Katie DeMeritte – Soldier (3; 4; 5)
Danielle Adams – Soldiers (3; 4; 5; 6; 8)
Ali Lavalle – Woman (5)/ Old Woman (8)/ Soldiers (3)/ Peasant's wife(11; 12)
Jimmy Simeon – Violinist

Channel 96: Information and Entertainment

By Jessica Miller
Contributing Writer

Who knew about CAB hosting a live music event on Monday, October 7? What about the S.E.R.V.E. trip to Mexico coming up this December? "Now, there are EVEN MORE ways to know what is happening on University Campus!!!" This message, brightly lit with green and gold, is featured on a slide on Channel 96. Staff and faculty members are constantly encouraging students to be more aware of the events that are shaping campus into being a stronger community

"What is that?" asks sophomore Shawnee Arnett.

It is Channel 96 — a free service channel on any television hooked-up through the SLU cable services. This channel provides detailed information pertaining to the campus life and the local community. It's not just for students, though. This information is helpful to everyone by providing multiple ways to educate the community about what is happening locally.

So what exactly is on this channel? There is information for off-campus trips coming up in the next month like to Muvico, to Wiregrass Mall, or to Howl-O-Scream. A student can use the announcements to plan events with friends and to take some time off from mid-terms. The channel also encourages students to support volleyball, soccer, and many other sport teams with games coming up.

So become involved on campus! By going to events, students will increase their self -esteem and knowledge about campus. Plus games and trips are perfect for planning breaks that cost little or no money at all. Also, tune in for dates when guest speakers with real-world experience will show presentations about serious matters. And students can even watch movies!

This semester the channel features a different movie each day and through-out the day. Now students can enjoy new movies like The Hunger Games or classic movies like Pride and Prejudice (depending on what time they are showing). All of this information and more is available at a click of a button and right from anyone's room!

As sophomore Alexia Arellano-Monreal says, "[Channel 96] It's a balance of both."

Information and entertainment come together to be another useful service for all students and faculty. Although the channel is not the primary resource for getting information, senior Jana Lott says, "I am sure Channel 96 will be used among the student body, once students actually know about it."

So during this weekend — maybe when you are waiting for a ride, taking a study break for mid-terms, or relaxing on the couch with friends — take a peek into what Channel 96 can offer!

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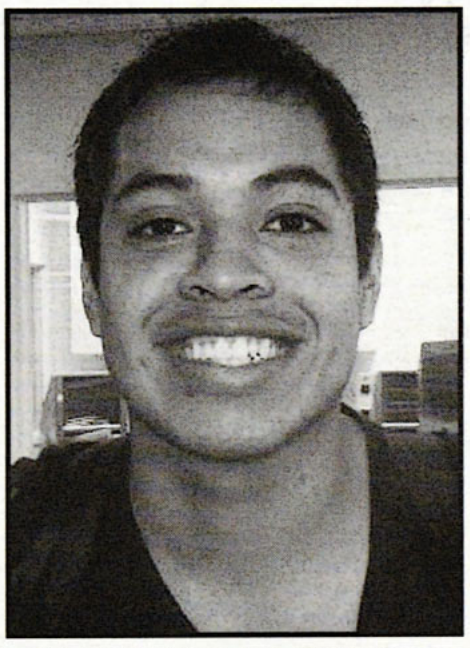
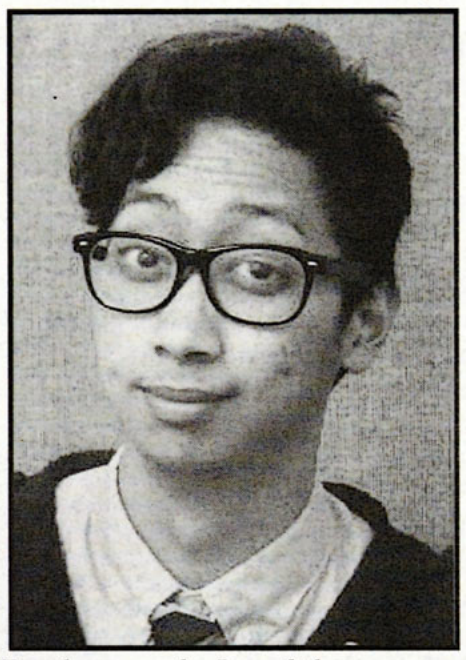
Campus News

"What has been your weirdest laundry room moment?"



"When I lived in Marmion and Snyder I was in the girls laundry room with my friends and we thought we heard the ghost calling our name."
–Carlos Segovia, sophomore

"As I was emptying my hamper to put my clothing in the washer, a huge spider crawled out of my hamper and ran around the laundry room almost like it was a person then it disappeared out of nowhere."
–Alexis Erceg, freshman



"For three weeks I used the wrong laundry room, because I thought Marmion and Snyder only had one laundry room"
–Josh Lim, freshman

Survey by Lindsay Daughtry, Contributing Writer

From left to Right: Ronald Jacobs, Camila Pinzon, Kayla Green, Sanyo Jean, Irma Sera, Lorraine Manley, Nicole Ibanez, Je'Nay Yore, Lydia Elezi, Luckson Abraham.

As this group of freshman officer's makes "Taking Business to Another Level" their main goal, they have definitely done an astonishing job thus far. As this is Saint Leo University's first ever Phi Beta Lambda chapter, thus far they have managed to excite many students about the perks of being a member of such a prestigious organization. With full support from Saint Leo University's School of Business and use of different strategic recruiting plans and marketing strategies, this PBL chapter now stands 71 members strong. There is no doubt that this PBL chapter is off to a great start and is certainly taking business at Saint Leo University to another level. Welcome to the Phi Beta Lambda family!

Sports

Graduate Jeff Gray becomes youngest GM in professional baseball

By Taylor McGillis
Online Editor

Jeff Gray, former Saint Leo University student and 2012 graduate, was named the general manager of the Bluefield Blue Jays on Saturday, Sep. 22, as announced by club president George McGonagle.

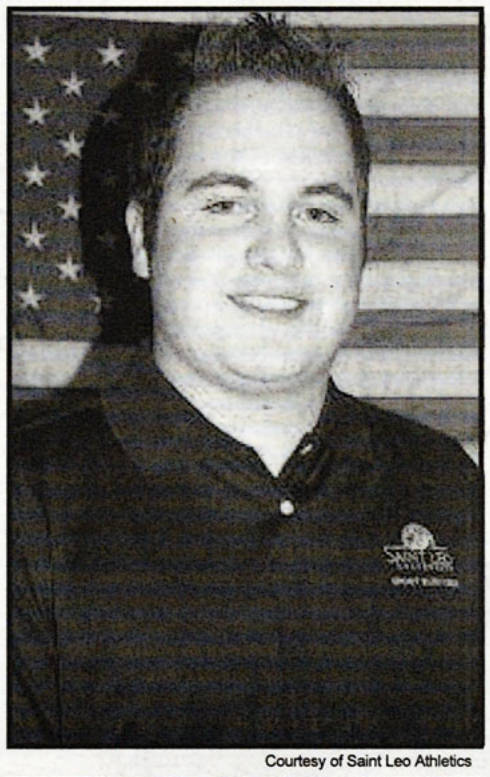
The Bluefield Blue Jays are a rookie ball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays of Major League Baseball and play in the Appalachian League in Bluefield, Va. Gray, 22, became the youngest general manager in professional baseball when he took over the club on Oct. 1.

"This is a once–in-a lifetime opportunity," Gray said. "Becoming a general manager was a goal of mine, as it is for anyone who works in baseball or wants to work in baseball."

Gray has an extensive background in professional baseball, starting with his first job as a batboy for the Auburn Doubledays of the New York-Penn League. Most recently, he was the associate general manager of the U.S. Military All-Stars as they played on their "Red, White and Blue Tour" this past year.

"We are excited about the hiring of Jeff Gray as the youngest general manager in professional baseball with his hiring at the Bluefield Blue Jays," Associate Professor of Sport Business Eric Schwarz said.

"Jeff's passion for working in professional baseball, his academic preparation in sport business here at Saint Leo, and his extensive experience, including numerous positions in the Toronto Blue Jays' organization throughout high school and college, made him the prime candidate for this position. We are very proud of Jeff, and the Saint Leo sport business program stands ready to help him - and all of [our] alumni - succeed in this exciting executive position."



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Although Gray's age has become the story for some people, he does not think much of it.

"The age thing isn't really a factor for me," Gray said. "As I go into Bluefield, I'm going to become an active member of the community and try to put a system in place for the organization to improve and be successful."

In addition to Gray's vast baseball experience and connections in the industry, he credits the sport business program for preparing him for this kind of opportunity.

"The sport business program at Saint Leo gave me opportunities to work in various avenues of sports," Gray said.

"The hands-on learning experience in the program helped me get a view of different types of jobs, and definitely helped prepare me for the position with Bluefield."

Gray does have aspirations to continue to move up the ranks and work as a general manager or vice president for a Major League Baseball club, but right now he is solely focused on Bluefield and the wonderful opportunity that he stands before.

For students who would like to someday be where Gray is, he suggested getting involved as early and often as possible.

"Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and seek out opportunities," Gray said. "People will not do the work for you. Build yourself a strong base of connections and get as much experience as you can to prepare yourself for future jobs."

The women's golf team shot a three-over 291 in the opening round of the Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate on Monday, Oct. 1. The previous record, 299, was set in 2010 at the Great Smokies Intercollegiate.

Latest Scores (as of Oct. 1)

Men's Soccer
Saturday, Sep. 2
@ Palm Beach Atlantic
1-0 Loss
Next: Nova Southeastern
Saturday, Oct. 6
7:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Wednesday, Sep. 26
@ Eckerd
2-1 Loss
Next: Nova Southeastern
Saturday, Oct. 6
5:00 p.m.

Volleyball
Saturday, Sep. 29
@ Tampa
3-0 Loss
Next: @ Florida Tech
Friday, Oct. 5
7:00 p.m.

Cross Country
Saint Leo Invitational
@ The Abbey Golf Course
Saturday, Sep. 29
Men's: 4th place, 109 pts.
Women's: 3rd, 97 pts.
Next: @ FSU Invitational
Friday, Oct. 5
Men's: 6:45 p.m.
Women's: 6:20 p.m.

Men's Tennis
Next: Varner Memorial Classic
@ Winter Park, Fla. (Rollins)
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7

Women's Tennis
Next: Varner Memorial Classic
@ Winter Park, Fla. (Rollins)
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7

Men's Golf
Next: Indian Bayou Classic
@ Destin, Fla. (North Alabama)
Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 8-9

Women's Golf
Next: Indian Bayou Classic
@ Destin, Fla. (North Alabama)
Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 8-9

University of South Florida
Football
Saturday, Sep. 29
Florida State
30-17 Loss
Next: @ Temple
Saturday, Oct. 6
12:00 p.m.